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In re application of: : Group Art Unit: 3625
: Examiner: Thein, Marissa
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Serial No: 09/282,615 : Law Department - 4054
Filed: March 31, 1999 : International Business
Title: CONFIGURATION OF : Machines Corporation
COMPUTER SYSTEMS BASED UPON : 11400 Burnet Road
PURCHASERS COMPONENT NEEDS AS : Austin, Texas 78758
DETERMINED FROM PURCHASER :
DATA ENTRIES CORRELATED WITH :
A SET OF SELLER BUSINESS :
RULES TO OPTIMIZE QUANTITIES :
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Please consider the following proposed amendment.

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1. (currently amended) A user interactive display computer system, provided by a seller of computer components to purchasers of computer systems, for configuring computer systems including said computer components comprising:

means for prompting each of a plurality of said system purchasers to make a sequence of interactive data entries, each of said entries relative to the data processing needs of the purchaser of one of said computer systems;

means for applying a set of purchaser business rules to the data entries of each of said purchasers to produce a system needs solution for each of said purchasers;

means for allocating said computer components to the computer system of each purchaser based upon said system needs solution for the purchaser;

means for tracking the quantities of each of said computer components thereby allocated to computer systems sold by said seller to all of said purchasers;

means for applying a set of seller business rules to the tracked quantities of each of said computer components to produce a set of optimized quantities for each of said computer components based on the seller's business needs; and

~~means for offering to selected ones of said purchasers modifications in the quantities of selected ones of said allocated components~~

John means for providing a set of business rules for reconciling said purchasers' system needs with said optimized quantities; and

means for automatically offering, to selected ones of said purchasers, financial incentives based upon said rules for reconciling to thereby reconcile said purchasers' system needs solutions with said optimized quantities of said components based upon the seller's business needs.

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